IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at Page 44, line 25 as follows:

As described earlier, other geometric properties of SDS and SD functions can be used besides measures of arc length. The bounded area of SDC and SD functions is one such geometric property. FIG. 32~~91~~ is an expression for a measure of bounded area of G(f) when piecewise continuous equally spaced quadratic functions are used as the basis functions. These expressions are based on the squared area between G(f) and the frequency axis and are quadratic. EQ. 59 is an example when $N=5$.